

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Christoph WENDEL et al.

Application No.: [to be assigned]

Filing Date: [on even date herewith]

For: METHOD FOR DETECTING
PARTIAL CONDUCTOR SHORT
CIRCUITS, AND DEVICE FOR
PERFORMING AND USING THE
METHOD

Art Unit: [to be assigned]

Examiner: [to be assigned]

Attorney Ref. No.: 003-066

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to taking up this new patent application for action on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite Claims 1-12 and add Claims 13-18 as follows, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, as modified by Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted, 1267 OG 106 (Feb. 25, 2003):